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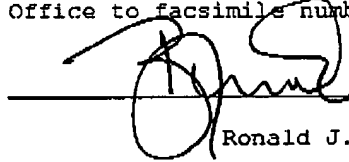
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Applicant : Shinji OSAWA et al.
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 24, 2006, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. XX A petition for an additional two-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on October 24, 2006.

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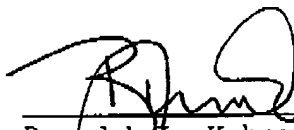
2. XX A timely response to the final rejection has been filed,
as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.

3. XX Fee \$ 500.00 or ___ Small Entity \$250.00

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